Telephone facilities in the villages of Punjab

†765. SHRIMATI GURCHARAN KAUR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the districts of Punjab have been provided with the telephone facilities;

(b) if not, the number of villages without telephone facilities in the State, district-wise;

(c) whether any time-frame has been fixed by Government for providing telephone facilities in each and every village of the State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) to (d) Yes, Madam. All the revenue villages of Punjab have already been provided with telephone facilities.

Non-Rectification of Telephones in Mainpuri

†766. SHRI MUNNAVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to carelessness of the higher officers, telephones in urban and rural areas of district Mainpuri (U.P.) remain out of order for quite a long time resulting difficulties to the subscribers and damaging reputation of the department;

(b) whether Government would take any concrete steps to get repaired the faulty telephones;

(c) whether Government propose to take action against the erring officers after fixing responsibility; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Telephone Services in district Mainpuri (U.P.) are generally satisfactory and telephone faults are attended to as and when reported.

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